

REMARKS

Reconsideration and further examination of this application are hereby requested. Claims 1-2, 4-11, and 13-16 are currently pending in the application.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 9-11, and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Hwang *et al.* Claims 4 and 5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Beaupre *et al.* Claims 1, 6-8, and 13-16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Hwang *et al.* alone.

Applicant respectfully submits that these rejections should be withdrawn because both Hwang *et al.* and Beaupre *et al.* are not prior art with respect to the present application. The effective date of Hwang *et al.* is 2002. The effective date of Beaupre *et al.* is Nov. 4, 2003. These effective dates are both after the Aug. 16, 2001 priority date of patent application KR 2001-0049386 from which the present application claims priority. This priority claim has been perfected by submission herewith of a verified translation of the priority document.

As regards the parent international application PCT/KR02/01514 further submission is necessary since it is claimed as a priority document for purposes of domestic priority claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

For the above reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance with claims 1-2, 4-11, and 13-16. If there remain any issues that may be disposed of via a telephonic interview, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at the local exchange given below.

The Director of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office is authorized to charge any necessary fees, and conversely, deposit any credit balance, to Deposit Account No. 18-1579.

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